

REMARKS

Claims 5 to 22 are pending in this application. Original claims 1 to 4 have been cancelled. Claims 5 to 7 are currently amended. Claims 8 to 22 are new.

Referring to 37 CFR 1.76(d), the Application Data Sheet is controlling for most of the information provided to the Patent Office, including information regarding priority claims. Thus, inconsistent information between the ADS and the Inventor's Declaration is resolved by reference to the ADS, instead of the Inventor's Declaration. Since the Inventor's Declaration contains all the required statements, and the ADS provides the correct priority date, the Applicant respectfully submits that a new or supplemental Inventor's Declaration is not required. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to the Inventor's Declaration be reconsidered and withdrawn.


Per the Examiners recommendations, the specification has been amended hereinabove. The Applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the specification are now moot and should be withdrawn.

The art-based rejections essentially rely on US Patent No. 6,082,184 to Lehmann for a Method for Leak Testing and Leak Testing Apparatus. The critical difference between Lehmann and the present application is that, while the system of Lehmann is a leak-testing system for testing sealed containers, the system claimed by the present application tests for leaks in the leak-testing system itself using an intentionally leaky

(i.e., un-sealed) test body. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that Lehmann does not describe or even suggest the presently claimed system.

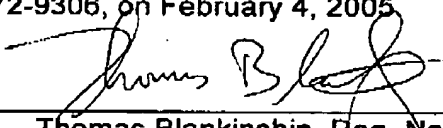
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